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SUBJECT: INDIAN PRESS PLAY OF PAUL GRIMES INTERVIEW  
WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI ON SIKKIM

1. SEVERAL DELHI NEWSPAPERS ON MARCH 9 CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF PAUL GRIMES' "NEW YORK TIMES" ARTICLE ON SIKKIM, WHICH WAS BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH PM DESAI AND THE FORMER CHOGYAL. WE PRESUME THE DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN GRIMES' ARTICLE, WHICH WAS CARRIED IN TODAY'S WIRELESS FILE. IN THE LOCAL ACCOUNTS, THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS THAT THE MERGER OF SIKKIM INTO INDIA WAS "NOT A DESIRABLE STEP" RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED SAMACHAR'S REPLAY OF THE GRIMES ARTICLE, WHILE THE "INDIAN EXPRESS" VERSION CAME FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT. THE "TIMES OF INDIA" CARRIED THE GRIMES ARTICLE INTACT, BUT OMITTED THE FINAL PARAGRAPHS DEALING WITH B.P. KOIRALA.

2. WE SUSPECT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S STAND ON THE MERGER OF SIKKIM COULD BE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT BY HIS OPPONENTS (NOTABLY THE CONGRESS(I)).  
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